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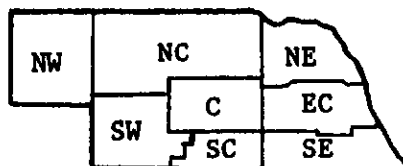
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WEATHER

Temperatures averaged near to a little above normal. The week was dry until the weekend when widespread rainfall occurred ranging from traces in the Northwest up to over one inch in the Southeast.

GENERAL

Soybean harvest was very active as the week came to a close. However, corn and sorghum producers continued to find the moisture level of grain too high, allowing only limited harvesting. Corn silage cutting neared completion in many areas as did the harvest of dry edible beans. Sugar beet harvest began last week in some western areas with more receiving stations to open soon. Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.4.

Topsoil moisture supplies rated 39% short, 60% adequate and 1% surplus. Subsoil moisture was 30% short and 70% adequate. A year ago topsoil moisture was 98% short and 2% adequate. Subsoil moisture was 89% short and only 11% adequate.

CROPS

Soybean harvesting was complete on 30% of the acreage compared to 40% last year but ahead of 25% normal. Ninety-two percent of the acreage was shedding

leaves, compared to 97% last year and 90% normal. Crop condition was given its final rating of 4% fair, 83% good and 13% excellent.

Only 8% of the corn acreage was harvested with 30% being harvested last year and 12% normal. Eighty percent of the acreage was mature, behind both the 98% last year and 90% normal. With insect activity generally lighter than last year, producers continue to delay harvesting for lower drying costs. Crop conditions were 2% poor, 10% fair, 76% good and 12% excellent; that too the final rating of the season.

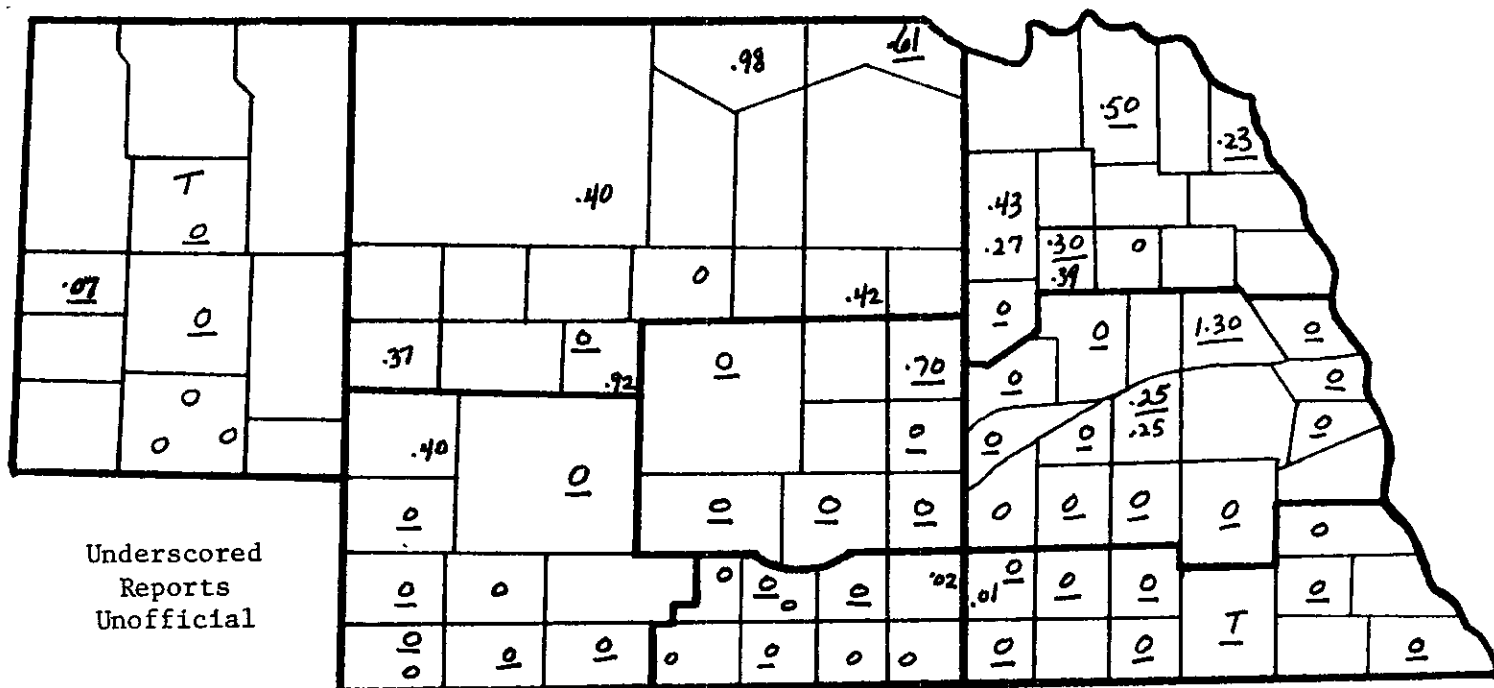
Sorghum harvesting had been completed on 5%, compared to the abnormally high 50% last year and 25% normal. Seventy percent of the acreage was ripe, behind 96% last year and 85% normal. The final sorghum condition rating was 10% fair, 65% good and 25% excellent.

Wheat seeding was virtually complete, same as last year but behind 90% normal. Emergence stood at 80%, just ahead of 75% last year.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed supplies continued their seasonal decline with producers awaiting harvesting to allow pasturing of stubble fields. Ranchers continued to prepare livestock for winter with grub treatments, shots and other herd handling activities.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1981



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1981

Station		Temperature			Precipitation	
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches <u>1/</u>
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	94	32	60	--	.01
	Scottsbluff	92	33	62	+6	.14
	Sidney	--	--	--	--	--
NC	Valentine	88	34	58	+2	.26
NE	Norfolk	89	35	59	+1	.06
	Sioux City	92	28	57	-2	.15
CEN	Grand Island	91	38	61	+2	.25
EC	Lincoln	90	37	63	+2	.40
	Omaha	89	36	60	0	1.14
SW	Imperial	90	35	62	--	.23
	North Platte	88	33	59	+2	.09

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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